

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment- Public Services – Panchayat Secretaries – Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Panchayat Secretary,(Retired) Gram Panchayat Domakonda of Nizamabad District – Committed certain grave Financial irregularities in the administration of the Gram Panchayat Domakonda – Withholding of Pension and Gratuity permanently as per Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders issued.

PANCHAYATRAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EST VIII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 221

Dated :21.6.2010

Read the following:

1. Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad Lr. No.4883/ CPR&RE/ B2/ 2008, dt.8.3.2010.
2. From the D.P.O., Nizamabad Lr.No.45 / 2008 - B1. Pts, Dated .11.04.2008.
3. Charge Memo of the Commissioner,PR&RE, Hyderabad No.4883/ CPR&RE/ B2/ 08, dt.19.04.2008.
4. Explanation of Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Pt. Secy., dt.24.04.2008.
5. Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad, Procs. No.4883/ CPR&RE / B2 / 2008, dt.30.06.2008.
6. From the Dy. C.E.O., Nizamabad Lr.No.B4/ Enquiry/ 2009, Dated .24.06.09.
7. Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyd Memo No.4883/ CPR&RE/ B2/ 2008, dt.15.09.2009.
8. Explanation of Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Pt.Secy, dt.23.12.2009.
9. Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyd Lr.No.4883/ CPR&RE/ B2/ 08, dt.29.12.2009 addressed to the Government Pleader, A.P.A.T., Hyderabad.
10. Govt. Memo. No. 5840/Estt.VIII/A2/2010-1,dt .26-4-10.
11. Explanation of the individual, dated .14.5.2010
12. Govt. Lr. No.5840/Estt.VIII/A2/2010, dated 20.5.2010 and 18.6.2010.
13. From the Secretary APPSC, Hyd Lr.No.707/RT-I/2/2010, Dated .19.6.10.

ORDER :

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, A.P., Hyderabad has reported that based on the report of the District Panchayat Officer, Nizamabad, the following ten (10) charges have been framed against Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Panchayat Secretary, Domakonda G.P. (U/S) vide reference 3rd read above for misappropriation of Gram Panchayat funds and absconding from duty w.e.f.1.1.2008.

Charge 1: That he has booked the expenditure to a tune of Rs.79,014-00 without vouchers. Expenditure without vouchers constitutes misappropriation of funds.

Charge 2: That he has paid Rs.28,000-00 rent to the bore well owner without the permission from the competent authorities.

Charge 3: That he has illegally booked miscellaneous expenditure of Rs.67,103-00.

Charge 4: That he has booked expenditure of Rs.67,800-00 towards the salaries of the staff without their acquittance.

Charge 5: That on 15-10-07 Rs.67,000-00 have been drawn from N.D.C.C Bank Branch Domakonda and it was not accounted for in the cash book.

Charge 6: That he has booked expenditure of Rs.1,20,044-00 towards the purchase of article and maintenance charges of protected water supply scheme without certification of the technical authorities about the execution and value of the work done.

Charge 7: That he has not remitted cash on hand of Rs.1,84,852-00 as on 31-12-07 in to the Gram Panchayat funds.

Charge 8: That under 12th Finance funds he has booked expenditure of Rs.1,91,287-00 without M.B., and vouchers. Being executive authority he is responsible for the proper maintenance of records and booking of expenditure as per rules.

Charge 9: That under 12th Finance scheme he has booked expenditure of Rs.2,950-00 for the maintenance of PWS without the sanction of technical authorities.

Charge 10: That under 12th Finance scheme he has allowed the Sarpanch to draw the bills to a tune of Rs.20,485-00 pertaining to the tenure of Ex-Sarpanch.

2. The charged officer had submitted his explanation denying all the charges and requested to drop further action against him, vide reference 4th read above.

3. Not satisfied with the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Nizamabad was appointed as Inquiry Officer and Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Domakonda was appointed as Presenting Officer to conduct regular enquiry in the matter as the charged officer has denied the charges framed against him, vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Nizamabad (Enquiry Officer) had submitted his Inquiry Report. In his report, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that after verification of the records of Gram Panchayat, Domakonda and explanation submitted by Sri S.S.Ramakoti, P.S. Gr.I, it is found that, all charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and the amount involved in the charge memo has been misappropriated by the Charged Officer. The Inquiry Officer also held that the Charged Officer has failed to discharge his duties in maintenance of Gram Panchayat records and misappropriated Gram Panchayat funds with a malafide intention. Subsequently, the Inquiry report received has been communicated to the Charged Officer as required under Rule, 21 of A.P.C.S., (CCA) Rules 1991 to offer his explanation vide reference 7th read above.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer had submitted his explanation on the Inquiry Report communicated to him.

6. After examination of the Inquiry report and the explanation of the Charged Officer, the CPR & RE, Hyderabad, who is the disciplinary authority has held that the charges 1,2,3,7,8 and 9 are proved. The charges are not only grave but also serious financial irregularities. Such officers, if left unpunished, the system may collapse as other like him may become careless and complacent. While enclosing the sectional notes along with the findings of the disciplinary authority, he has requested the Government to take necessary action as per A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of the amounts involved as the charged officer has been retired from service on 30.04.2008 on attaining the age of superannuation.

7. After examination of the matter, the Government have taken a provisional decision to impose the punishment of withholding of the entire pension and Gratuity permanently on Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Panchayat Secretary, (Retired), Gram Panchayat Domakonda of

Nizamabad District, in view of the serious irregularities committed by him in the administration of Gram Panchayat, Domakonda.

8. In the reference 10th read above, Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Panchayat Secretary, (Retired), Gram Panchayat Domakonda of Nizamabad District has been requested to show cause as to why the above punishment should not be imposed on him, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo., and also informed that if the explanation was not received within the stipulated time, it will be construed that he has no explanation to offer and further action will be taken in the matter basing on the records available and as per rules in force.

9. In the reference 11th read above, the delinquent officer has submitted his explanation. The explanation has been examined and it has been decided to confirm the provisional decision already taken, as there are no new grounds.

10. In the reference 12th read above, the APPSC, Hyd has been requested to tender their advise on the above decision taken by the Government.

11. In the reference 13th read above, the APPSC, Hyd has agreed with the decision of the Government.

12. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby impose the punishment of withholding of the entire pension and Gratuity permanently on Sri S.S.Rama Koti, Panchayat Secretary, (Retired), Gram Panchayat Domakonda of Nizamabad District in view of the serious irregularities committed by him in the administration of Gram Panchayat, Domakonda.

13. The Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

14. The original file bearing the No.4883/CPR&RE/B2/2008 received from the Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Hyderabad is returned herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.V.P.C.SASTRY
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The individual, through the Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The District Collector (PW), Nizamabad

The District Pachayat Officer , Nizamabad

The District Treasury Officer, Nizamabad

The Accountant General, Hyderabad

The Secretary, A.P Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER